

District 10 Meeting September 2020 - online

Attendees: Peter Y, Tonya McP, Amy M, Mike R, Dale F, Ed P, Walter M, Jackie B, Pete McN, Tammie E, Michelle H, Sharon S, John R, Vern L, Sue W.

Meeting Opened 7:30

Tonya read the traditions.

Peter Y read the previous meeting's minutes. Motion to approve minutes by Walter, seconded by Tonya. Passed

Treasurer's Report - Amy M.

Beginning Balance = 3,623.55

Credits + 50.00

Debits - 151.35

New Balance = 3,522.20

Prudent Reserve - 1,000

Available Funds = 2,522.20

Used about 33% of budget to date. Just got the invoice for the January printing of the schedules.

Walter asked why the Google Pay proposal was withdrawn. Amy explained that no groups had requested it and without it record keeping is simpler. Motion to approve the report by Peter Y, seconded by Tonya. Passed.

DCM Report => Guest attendee - Tammie E. - Area 48 Chair and Alternate Delegate

Part of the job of the area chair is to visit each district meeting once a year. She had it all planned out, but Covid messed up her plans. Service continues behind the scenes. There are new opportunities and avenues we hadn't considered before. For example Accessibilities via online platforms. There is a 7th Tradition Workshop Sept 15th (flyer: <https://aahmbny.org/7th-tradition-in-the-digital-world-workshop/>) where it will take groups from setting up a group bank account, getting a Tax ID, record keeping, and a discussion about various digital payment methods and how to set them up. The Adirondack Cluster (our district, 13, 19 and 5) will be hosting the Area's Inventory Day on Nov 14. Ken T, the Alternate Delegate from Area 45, Southern New Jersey will be leading it. Co-Hosts are needed for this event. If you have Zoom hosting experience and would like to help manage the waiting room, chat window or participant window [email Tammie at hmbchair@aahmbny.org](mailto:Tammie at hmbchair@aahmbny.org). She thanked everyone in District 10 for their service. Please reach out to her if you ever have a question. Peter Y asked if the area plans to stay on Zoom. Tammie answered yes, through the end of the year at least and into 2021. Most likely will be discussed at the May Assembly. GSO has cancelled all in-person events for 2021. A Hybrid Committee has already been formed to work on the potential for hybrid meetings once the area reopens. All info for upcoming events - including Zoom ID's and passwords - is on the [area website: aahmbny.org](https://aahmbny.org). Again feel free to email her with questions or if you can't find the info.

Committee Reports

Accessibilities - Position is open

Answering Service - Sharon S.

June - 1 male caller patched through to volunteer AA, 1 message to the answering service, 2 messages to volunteers, 1 male call not patched through but message left with volunteer, 1 female caller patched through to volunteer AA.

July - 3 male callers patched through to volunteer AA's, 2 messages to the answering service, 2 messages to volunteers, 3 female callers patched through to volunteer AA's.

August - 8 male callers patched through to volunteer AA's, 7 messages to the answering service, 5 messages to volunteers, 1 male call not patched through but message left with volunteer, 3 female callers patched through to volunteer AA's, 1 female call not patched through but message left with volunteer.

Bridging the Gap - Steve B. - Not Present

Corrections - Pete McN. Reached out to all the facilities in District 10 and got no response. Wrote to both jails as well and also no response. Kathleen Duran is now the State DOCCS Volunteer Coordinator replacing Angie. State emailed Pete to update personal info for volunteer status. Moriah Shock coordinator Tammy said two volunteers were bringing in meetings until Covid and are willing to continue once it is allowed. Everyone is waiting for approval to go back in. There are two corrections workshops coming up. One on the 21st and one on the 24th of September. (flyers and login info: <https://aahmbny.org/corrections-service-workshops-flyers-login-info/>).

Grapevine - Carrie H. - Not Present

Literature - Position is open

Newsletter - Peter Y.

Newsletter went out. It highlights lesser known AA history.

PI (Public Information) - Doug P. - Not Present

CPC (Cooperation with the Professional Community) - Position is open

Records - Sue W.

The Area's meeting finder has been updated. It now includes options to include safety info in the meeting notes such as BYOB - Bring Your Own Book, BYOC - Bring Your Own Coffee (beverage), CT - Contact Tracing will happen, HS - Hand Sanitizer available, OUT - Outdoor meeting. The meeting notes for meetings that are meeting face to face have been updated to reflect this as far as she is aware. If something is missing or inaccurate, please let her know at district10records@aahmbny.org. Changes may take a couple days to show up because the webmaster has to refresh the website for them to happen.

Treatment - Matt I. - Not Present

Website - Walter

Hawk, the Area's webmaster had to step down due to health reasons. Matt is the new webmaster/chair. Walter has been in contact with Matt and is hoping to get our district's website rolling. The area is looking for volunteers to help with co-hosting Zoom meetings.

Old Business

Peter Y's proposal will be discussed October 13th.

New Business

The District secretary position is open. This is a very important position!

The District 10 Secretary has had to step down for now due to a change in work scheduling. If you can think of a sponsee or home group member who would be good, please suggest they give it a try. It isn't difficult. One must take notes during the district meeting, then type them up and send them to the GSR's and meeting contacts (there is already a list). They also must regularly check the district email and forward updates, messages, flyers, announcements, newsletters, and reports to their contact list. It is important that someone is able to do this because it is what keeps the district together and informed.

GSR Reports

Ausable - Peter Y: Still on Zoom. Will be for the foreseeable future. Ausable is celebrating its 48th Anniversary. It is the longest continuous operating group in the North Country.

Spiritual Foundations - Tonya McP: Will stay on Zoom. Unanimous group conscience decision.

Keeseville - Dale F: Have been meeting in person for two months now. About 6-8 people every Wednesday.

One Day at a Time Group - Sue W: meets twice a day on Zoom. One meeting a week in person. Attendance went from 15 at the first meeting to 3 the past two weeks. Many people still meeting on porches at people's houses. Group voted to keep face to face meeting going.

Awakenings - Ed: Possibly moving from St. Peter's to Club 12 in October. Also possibly going to have meetings 7 days/week. Will be a group conscience decision.

KISS Tupper Lake - Jackie B: All are in person meetings. Average about 6 people. Members are encouraged to attend district meeting. One joined last month's district meeting.

E'town Tuesday Step - Pete McN: The group sanitizes the space before and after the meeting. Masks are required unless speaking. Sanitizer is available. They are serving coffee now. Will possibly be handing out month coins because there are a lot of newcomers.

Diamonds in the Rough - Sharon S: The Thursday Hybrid meeting was too complicated to do. Most members wanted Zoom, so the hybrid meeting closed. Their online attendance is about the same as the face to face meetings were last year at this time/season. 3 celebrants: 8 years, and two 1 year.

KISS Plattsburgh - Vern L: Attendance capacity has been increased from 25 to a maximum of 36 people. Limit of 3 per table. If seated, may remove mask, as soon as standing up or moving around - mask must be worn. No coffee being served.

Placid Paradox - John R: All five meetings are meeting face to face since August 1. Weekday numbers slowly increasing. Friday consistently has 15+. Group conscience meeting this Friday after the meeting to vote on October proposals.

We Agnostics - Walter M: Will most likely be face to face only and not hybrid. Masks must be worn the entire time unless sharing. Sanitizer is available. No coffee is being served.

Meeting Closed with the Responsibility Declaration at 8:33